

Informational Letter #0003-2004

Awnings

Effective April 5, 2004

Sign Code: Section 4603 Classifications: Awning Sign shall mean any sign constructed of a fabric type material stretched over a rigid metal frame that is attached to the wall, roof or mansard of a building. Such signs shall be classified as wall signs.

International Building Code 2000: Section 3105.2. Design and Construction: Awnings and canopies shall be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads and live loads as required by Chapter 16 with due allowance for shape, open construction and similar features that relieve the pressure or loads. Structural members shall be protected to prevent deterioration. Awnings shall have frames of non-combustible material, fire-retardant-treated wood, wood of Type IV sizes, or 1-hour construction with combustible covers and shall be either fixed, retractable, folding or collapsible.

This requirement standardizes the Sign Administration plan checking process to that of Commercial plan checking.

Effective April 5, 2004 all new awning signs must be engineered. A re-cover or re-skin of an existing awning structure will not need engineering if it can be shown that it was previously permitted.

Any attachment that has a secondary purpose, protrudes more than 18 inches and is located within the building setback lines must first obtain approval from the Planning and Development Platting Group prior to obtaining a sign permit.

An awning with no sign message, must obtain a permit through Commercial plan review.